



**Interviews with 1,021 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on March 15-17, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample includes 716 interviews among landline respondents and 305 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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Should recognize	56%
Should not recognize	43%
No opinion	1%

## **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 1,021 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage. Among the entire sample, 33% described themselves as Democrats, 25% described themselves as Republicans, and 43% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/- 8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

## Question 15

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Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White			
Should recognize	56%	51%	60%	54%	59%			
Should not recognize	43%	48%	39%	45%	40%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0			
	18-	35-	50-			Under	50 and	
Total	34	49	64	65+		50	Older	
Should recognize	56%	77%	50%	48%	39%	64%	45%	
Should not recognize	43%	23%	50%	51%	58%	35%	54%	
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	3%	*	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	
	Under	\$50K	No	Attended				
Total	\$50K	or more	College	College				
Should recognize	56%	56%	56%	52%	58%			
Should not recognize	43%	43%	43%	47%	40%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
	Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	Lib-	Mod-	Conser-		
Total	crat	endent	lican	eral	erate	ative		
Should recognize	56%	75%	56%	28%	80%	64%	35%	
Should not recognize	43%	24%	42%	71%	20%	35%	64%	
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	
	North	Mid-				Sub-		
Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural	
Should recognize	56%	65%	52%	49%	59%	67%	59%	34%
Should not recognize	43%	34%	47%	50%	40%	32%	40%	65%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

\* percentage less than 1%